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Over 200 local Cuban-Americans gathered Tuesday, April 25 in front of the Sugar Cane Growers Cooperative to protest the way Elian Gonzalez was removal from his uncle's home. They say they want the boy to be allowed to stay with relatives in the United States and not be forced to return to communist Cuba.

## Two running for mayor in Pahokee election

**Name:** Roy Lee Singletary  
**Age:** 65 years  
**Where were you born?** Lake City, South Carolina  
**Education:** High School graduate, Florida Business College, Jacksonville, Fla.  
**Employment background:** Roy's Radio & T.V.-1961 to present, Pahokee Youth Development Center, 1996-March 2000  
**What is currently your primary source of income?** Roy's Radio & TV/retirement  
**How long have you lived in Pahokee?** 55 years  
**What clubs and organizations do you belong to?** Concerned Citizens / for Community Improvement, School Advisory Committee, Pahokee Middle Senior High School, School Advisory

**to Elsie L. Singletary**  
**What motivated you to run for the office you seek?** The future improvements for the city of Pahokee.  
**Why, in your opinion, are you the best candidate for this office?** 13 years on the commission.  
**What would you like to change about Pahokee, and how do you propose to enact such change?** I would like to clean up the city streets. Demolish old run down buildings. Beautify our city. Get all citizens involved in city affairs. Establish (organize) strong crime watch groups. A stronger police force.

**Name:** Alvis Davis  
**Age:** 56  
**Where were you born?** I was born in Charleston, South Carolina  
**Education:** Graduate Pahokee High School 1961, Two years Palm Beach Junior College.



Alvis Davis

**Employment background:** I have been a self-employed General Contractor specializing in foundation replacement for the last 30 years.

**What is currently your primary source of income?** Foundation repair

**How long have you lived in Pahokee?** 53 years  
**Why, if you weren't born here, did you move to**

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## Pahokee City Commission candidates, Group III

These are the last of the candidates running for Pahokee City Commission. The election will be held May 2.

**Name:** Keith W. Babb, Jr.

**Age:** 43  
**Where were you born?** Pahokee  
**Education:** Pahokee High School, 1975 Top Ten Honor graduate; 1979 Magna Cum Laude graduate of Texas College, BS degree in Social Science.

**Employment background:** 1979-1980: Palm Beach County School Board, Pahokee High School, Alternative Education Program. 1980-present: Palm Beach County Division of Senior Services, West County Supervisor.

**What is currently your primary source of income?** Supervisor for the Palm Beach County Division of Senior Services.

**How long have you lived in Pahokee?** 43 years, my entire life.

**What clubs and organizations do you belong to?** Member of Pahokee's Concerned Citizens for Community Improvement, Member of Belle Glade-Pahokee Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., Board of Directors member of the Legal Aid

Society of Palm Beach County. Member of the Board of Directors of the Comprehensive AIDS program of Palm Beach County.

**Did you ever serve in the U.S. military?** No.

**Family information:** Both parents (Keith, Sr. and Charlotte) live in Pahokee. Father is retired, mother works at Pratt and Whitney. Two brothers, Richard and Early, who is also running for a seat on the city council. Divorced father of five, 2 boys (Zavier and Keith III) and three daughters (LaKeitha, Shaquana and Chlo). What motivated you to run for the office you seek? I always had a desire to help others and to give something back to my community. I wanted to be an integral part of Pahokee's future growth and development. I always had a strong desire to be in politics. Dating back to my high school days when I served on the student council and during my college days where I was elected my senior class president and vice president of the Texas College Student Government Association. I grew up during the 60s, during the time of the Peace Corps and the Civil Rights Movement. Watching the likes of John F. Kennedy and Dr.

Martin Luther King, Jr. inspired me to become a public servant. During the past eight years, I think that I have done a good job on the commission and would like to continue the progress of making Pahokee a better place in which to live and raise a family. I want to be a person who makes a difference and I know of no better way of making a difference than continuing to serve the community in which I live.

**Why, in your opinion, are you the best candidate for this office?** Because of my eight years of experience on the city council and over 20 years of



Keith Babb

supervisory experience working in governmental programs for Palm Beach

the commissioners that the company has committed \$10 million to construct the pipeline and has received permits from the Florida Department of Transportation to locate it along the FDOT right-of-way. Currently the company is in discussions with local municipalities along the proposed route seeking franchise agreements to provide natural gas to local residents and businesses.

Mr. Palecki said the city of LaBelle has approved a

franchise agreement and the city of Belle Glade approved an agreement at their meeting Monday. The company has also agreed to provide natural gas service to Okeelanta and Dixie Crystal Sugar Companies and is continuing negotiations with U.S. Sugar. They are also negotiating with Glades Gas to serve as a distributor or to provide service to customers in the area.

Mr. Palecki said NUI serves 100,000 customers in 50

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Darryl Woodson stands on a ladder to work on a section of the mural being painted by Belle Glade students involved in the PACE program at the Boys & Girls Club of Belle Glade.

## Negotiations continue for natural gas pipeline

By Tracy Whirris

**Associate Editor:**  
The South Bay Commission authorized city staff to continue negotiations with National Utilities Investors (NUI) to come up with a franchise agreement between the City and the company to tap into the natural gas pipeline that the company is currently constructing between West Palm Beach and Fort Myers.

NUI Manager of Regulatory Affairs Michael A. Palecki told

County, having served on numerous community boards and having been in various leadership positions before, as an incumbent, I feel that I have the experience my opponent lacks, therefore my experience and leadership makes me the best candidate.

**What would you like to change about Pahokee, and how do you propose to enact such change?** I would like to change Pahokee's image from being considered a dying town with no future to a growing and prosperous town with a bright future. This can be accomplished in three ways. First, by cleaning up our city through more aggressively enforcing our code enforcement. Secondly, by reducing the crime and drug use in our community by holding our police department more accountable. And thirdly, by creating more job opportunities by attracting new businesses to our community. Pahokee needs to develop a business incentive plan and go out and personally recruit businesses such as a Wal-Mart, a major hotel and/or restaurant chains. We are going to have to go out and knock on some doors. I am motivated and I am ready and willing to roll up my sleeves to get the job done.

Pahokee is on the verge of something great and I would like to be a part of it when it happens. I'm proud of my community and I want others to be proud of it too.

**Name:** Kay B. Zaccagnino

**Age:** 39  
**Where were you born?** Pahokee

**Education:** Graduated 1979 from Glades Day School. Attended Palm Beach Community College.

**Employment background:** Data Entry Clerk, United States Sugar Corporation; Bookkeeper, Leonard Dobrow and Co. Inc.; Bookkeeper at J.T. Bynton Farms, Bookkeeper, Blanton and Unwin, Inc. Currently volunteer

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Kay Zaccagnino



Roy Singletary

Committee Pahokee Elementary School  
**Did you ever serve in the U.S. military?** 1953-1955 Fort Carson, Colorado. Special duties Atomic Energy Commission.

**Family information:** Married

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# Harvard Medical School publishes Family Health Guide



Katrina Elakin  
Contributing Editor

Every year, dozens of health and nutrition books come out, and sometimes it's hard to determine which ones to trust. Just because someone writes a book, doesn't necessarily make them an expert you should trust. I recently purchased the "Harvard Medical School Family Health Guide," for my own home library because I found it interesting, well written and helpful.

The guide covers everything from "Navigating the Health Care System," to talking to your child about sex to planning for your own death.

I especially like the section called "How the Body Works."

Color illustrations are used to explain how the various parts of the body function. As a parent, I find this an excellent resource for answering the questions posed by an incredibly inquisitive eight-year-old.

Another feature is a set of diagnostic charts which help you determine when you should call a doctor. And should you need to call a doctor, the book helps you make the most of the visit by suggesting questions to discuss with your physician.

The sections on illnesses each offer advice from various Harvard Medical School doctors.

Here's Dr. Robert Stern's advice about acne: "There is no relationship between what you eat and acne flare-ups. However, too many French fries and too much chocolate are bad for your health in other ways."

Dr. Ann Bajart's advice on Cataracts: "Cataracts are a normal part of the aging process." If you live long enough, you will eventually develop cataracts. However, you will not necessarily require surgery. You should consider surgery only when the cataract interferes with your visual functioning, such as driving at night, reading, following a golf

ball or seeing into oncoming light. At the same time, once the cataract starts to interfere with vision, I tell my patients that the best time to remove it is sooner rather than later. This is because a cataract is safer and easier to remove when it is immature. Later on, the cataract becomes more dense and hard, making it more difficult to remove."

Dr. Herbert Benson's advice on managing stress: "When the stress of modern life causes the fight or flight response, you can use the relaxation response to reduce and counteract the harmful effects."

When you are under stress, your mind tells the heart to beat faster. In fact, your mind

controls your heart rate and you can use your mind to voluntarily slow it down.

"With practice and commitment, you may be able to use the relaxation response to achieve a decrease in stress, anxiety, compulsive worrying, and negative thoughts, and an increase in concentration and awareness as well as greater self-confidence, enhanced performance and improved sleep."

The book includes a helpful glossary that explains medical terms. It also lists information resources for a wide variety of medical problems and the toll-free emergency phone numbers to poison control centers in all 50 states plus the District of Columbia.

The appendix even includes information on how many calories various activities burn (one hour of aerobic dancing: 516; one hour of sitting: 78) and the calorie and fat content of common foods (one egg, 79 calories, 6 grams of fat).

The more I review this book, the more impressed I am with all the information they were able to pack into it.

Of course it also includes a disclaimer: "The reader should consult his or her own medical, health or other competent professional before adopting any of the suggestions in this book or drawing inferences from it."

For this and other books on health and nutrition, check your local library.

## ER Chronicles: I can't believe it, Davey was so cute



Arlen R. Stauffer, MD

By Arlen R. Stauffer, MD  
Chrissey had only been to the ER once or twice in her 21 years. She remembered a broken arm when she was only eight, and maybe there was one other time. She really didn't want to go to the ER today. But, actually, she had no choice. The pain deep in her lower torso just kept getting worse, and she had no doctor in the area that she could see for this.

Chrissey wondered whether this pain had anything to do with the two-night encounter she had with Davey last weekend. She knew, of course, that unprotected sex was not a good idea, and she had heard many times about the dangers of hepatitis and gonorrhea.

But, Davey was so cute. And he seemed really clean. And he was just too kind and considerate to be like those guys who would give someone a disease.

The Ocean's ER triage nurse, Beth, had just finished whisking an elderly man to an ER area designed for chest pain evaluation. She had a clear view of Chrissey's shuffling gait as she came through the waiting room.

With her hands folded across her lower abdomen, Chrissey managed a weak smile when Beth nodded in her direction. Keeping her body bent forward seemed to keep the pain from being quite as bad as when she straightened up.

Beth, being an experienced ER nurse, recognized this classic shuffling walk, and pushed the questioning directly to the point.

"Chrissey, do you think you could have picked up a pelvic infection somewhere?"

Chrissey looked down at her feet, not really sure she even wanted to stay here. Another stab of the pain told her to stay. "Yeah, maybe."

Beth got just enough information from Chrissey to complete her triage record, but didn't push into any embarrassing details.

"Take everything off, Chrissey," Beth said as she moved toward the doorway of ER Room 14. "And put this gown on. The doctor will be here in a little bit."

Beth closed the door as she left. Chrissey felt very alone now.

An hour passed. Chrissey's thoughts returned to Davey, and the brief encounters that now seemed so long ago. She shook her head, and was holding her face in both hands when the physician knocked on the door.

"Yes?" Chrissey said with a weak tone.

"Hi, I'm Dr. Cortez." Emergency physician Tammy Cortez extended a hand, then sat in the chair next to Chrissey's.

"So, you began feeling this a couple days ago?" Cortez asked a series of questions about the pain; when it started, what it feels like now, where the pain is located, what kind of discharge it is causing, and whether there has been any fever or vomiting.

"And your last period, Chrissey?" Cortez paused as her patient tried to remember.

"I think it was about four weeks ago."

"So you're almost late?"

Chrissey couldn't answer. The idea that she could be pregnant had not crossed her mind.

Soon, Chrissey found herself recumbent on the ER bed, her feet propped up on plastic rests. The physician had uncovered some sore places when she felt the lower abdominal area, and now she was standing down below Chrissey's bed.

Chrissey heard Cortez ask the nurse for the culture tubes. She tried to think about something else to get her mind off of the cold plastic invasion of her body. Her attention returned to Davey. She closed her eyes, and wished very hard that she could just wake up from this bad dream.

A minute later, Cortez was checking inside.

"Does this hurt right here, Chrissey?"

The words had barely entered Chrissey's ears when a searing pain brought her head and shoulders up off the bed.

"Oh," Chrissey whimpered. A tear ran back toward her ear.

"I guess that answers that," Cortez offered. "Sorry, Chrissey."

Cortez moved to Chrissey's side.

"Chrissey, it looks like you have a pelvic infection that we call PID, or Pelvic Inflammatory Disease." She paused to assess Chrissey's reaction. "It's something you picked up from having unprotected sex."

Cortez paused again, but there was no response from the tearful patient. Chrissey squeezed her eyes closed, hoping that she could fly away to some other place. She really didn't even hear the doctor's discussion of all of the possible problems she could be facing.

"You understand, Chrissey?"

She managed only a quiet whimper as Cortez opened the door to leave.

"OK, Chrissey," the nurse said in a kind voice. "I'll get those blood tests and a urine specimen that Dr. Cortez told you about. We need to make sure about the pregnancy thing, and we'll get that first HIV test."

More tears. Chrissey turned her face into the edge of the pillow. She couldn't think about any man right now, even Davey.

But then, he was so cute.

Pelvic Inflammatory Disease (PID) is a common and serious sexually transmitted disease (STD), and involves infection of the female upper reproductive tract. The annual rate of these tube and ovary infections has been reported to be more than 10 per 1000 women under the age of 40.

Pain and discharge are the common presenting symptoms, but long-term problems are also common. Infertility caused by scarring in the Fallopian tubes, as well as tubal pregnancies and chronic pelvic pain, occur in more than a fifth of PID victims.

The bacteria responsible for gonorrhea and Chlamydia are the main causes of PID. Another danger, however, is all of the other possible infections that can be acquired during unprotected sex. These include, of course, infection with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS.

Dr. Stauffer, an emergency physician in New Smyrna Beach, is a member of the Florida College of Emergency Physicians. [www.fcpe.org](http://www.fcpe.org)

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primary source of income? volunteer coordinator for the School District of Palm Beach County.

1) **How long have you lived in Pahokee?** All my life, 39 years.

2) **What clubs and organizations do you belong to?** Board of Directors for "Do the Right Thing," Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office District 5, PBCC's President's Partnership Initiative, TLC, The Lake-side. Communities Renewal. Pahokee, Pahokee Baseball, Chairperson of Pahokee Middle-Senior High School School Advisory Council, Member of Pahokee Elementary School Advisory Council, United Way Volunteer Services Committee member, former member of the Code Enforcement Board for the city of Pahokee, member of the Pahokee Chamber of Commerce, member of the First United Methodist Church of Pahokee, member of the Florida Association of Partners in Education.

3) **Did you ever serve in the U.S. military?** No.

4) **Family information:** Married to Donald L. Zaccagnino, Jr., two sons, Wallace, 16 and Daniel, 12.

5) **What motivated you to run for the office you seek?** I felt that as a lifelong resident of Pahokee it was my duty and responsibility to assist in bringing about a change for our community.

6) **Why, in your opinion, are you the best candidate for this office?** I have a genuine concern for my community. I

want to make Pahokee a place where we want to live and visitors can come to experience the joys and specialness of small town living.

7) **What would you like to change about Pahokee, and how do you propose to enact such change?** My ultimate goal is to be able to work with the owners of properties that need demolition or renovation to help provide them with the resources for improving their properties. I envision a commission within the workings of city government, such as an active community development division, that would assist the property owners in acquiring assistance for relinquishing their property at a minimal cost or seeking funding for rehabilitation of those properties.

8) **I believe that by removing some of the more hazardous buildings in our community, it would aid our law enforcement in their responsibilities to protect and serve our community.**

9) **I believe that the government and citizens of Pahokee, working together will send a strong message to those who refuse to obey the law, that as a community, will not accept or condone behavior that is detrimental to our society.**

10) **I would like to see a partnership between city government and local businesses to provide more diverse job opportunities to our community's youth. By providing them with exposure to the various careers available to them, exposing them to the reality of the job market, I believe that it will improve the**

performance of each student. I believe that we all have a responsibility to our young people, to help guide them into the adult world, to assist them in making good decisions about their future, to enable their success as they strive to achieve their goals. One of my ideas is to have the city sponsor job fairs, on a regular basis, to expose all of our citizens to the opportunities around them. I would also like to engage more conversation between the community and the government, by having regular open forum town hall meetings, outside of City Hall, perhaps using the Prince Theater facility. Included in these forums would be representation from the youth, the churches, the neighborhoods, etc.

Each group would select a spokesperson and present their concerns to the commission, the city manager and the department heads of the city of Pahokee.

11) **Openly discussing the questions and concerns and working together to find a means to improving any given situation. I believe that we can achieve success if we work together, listen to the concerns of the entire community and seek solutions from outside sources if needed.**

12) **I would like to actively pursue ways to develop recreational facilities for all of our citizens, expand and improve city parks, add to the marina by allowing private industry to own and operate certain activities that would enhance the lakeside,**

**Mayors/From Page 1**

1) **Pahokee?** I was born in Charleston, S.C. during potato digging time. My family, who were migrant workers, returned to Pahokee with me when I was six weeks old. The only other time that I have lived away from Pahokee was during the three years I served in the military.

2) **What clubs and organizations do you belong to?** I am a member of Pahokee Elks Lodge BPOE #1638. I am a member of the First Baptist Church.

3) **Did you ever serve in the U.S. military?** Yes. I enlisted in the United States Army July 31, 1963. I volunteered and served in the 82nd Airborne Division. I served 15 months in the Dominican Republic Revolution receiving the Combat Infantry Badge. I was honorably discharged on July 30, 1966.

4) **Family information:** I have been married to my wife and best friend Sandi, for 17 years. We are blessed with three children: a son, Robert Alvin "Robbie" II, age 11; two daughters, Michaela Siobhan, age three and Brea Ivey age five months.

5) **What motivated you to run for the office you seek?** Pahokee has been blessed with untapped natural resources and people that are full of potential. I believe we are on the verge of a big breakthrough. Pahokee is at a cross road. We must decide, do we really want Pahokee to move forward, or are we satisfied to remain unchanged. I desire to, remain your mayor because: 1.

I have a vision of a Pahokee where all who desire to prosper have the opportunity to do so. 2. A Pahokee where we can raise our children and afford them opportunities to be all that they can be right here without having to leave in order to reach their full God-given potential. 3. A Pahokee that is safe, clean, prosperous and full of opportunities for all. 4. **Why, in your opinion, are you the best candidate for this office?** I am not a strong Mayor. I am a working Mayor. I will roll up my sleeves and work with and beside everyone who is willing. Our City has been stagnant far too long. I am not about looking backward or placing blame. I am about moving forward.

5) **I believe I can help bridge the divisions that have held us back for so long. It is time to stop being our own worst enemy. It is time we stop fighting against one another and start fighting together for Pahokee. We need to direct our energies into positive actions. Working for Pahokee today, for a better tomorrow.**

6) **What would you like to change about Pahokee, and how do you propose to enact such change?** I dream of new businesses that I create higher paying year-round jobs, better homes, a broadened tax base that will bring down the cost of City services and raise the standard of living, and a Pahokee that will provide a legacy for our children. A few ideas that will help us start to realize the dream: 1) Promote Pahokee for tourism. 2) Develop the Lakefront and

Campground. 3) Get tough on crime through sweeps and stings by the Pahokee Police Department and by enlisting Christian leaders to evangelize the criminal street element by forming a "God Squad." 4. Clean up Pahokee by utilizing more prisoners for cleanup, enlisting more volunteerism and by imposing stiff penalties for littering and graffiti. 5. Increase the tax base by possibly eliminating impact fees for business and development. 6. Sell Pahokee through advertisement. 7. Commissioners and appointed citizens to form economic development board to advance Pahokee.

This is possibly the most important election in Pahokee's history. It is up to the voters to decide will Pahokee sink or soar. Punch #3, together we can make our dreams a reality.

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### Mr. Wrong?

"This call is in regard to the candidate profiles of the candidates running for office in Pahokee in Group I. All were informative and very well covered. I would like to point out that out of the three men running, only one candidate introduced negativity and talked down the present commission.

If Mr. Wright can't run on his own merit without mudslinging, then he is Mr. Wrong.

Thank you for allowing me to Speak Out."

### Some get away without paying bills

"Anyone who has ever had their water turned off or who has paid a late fee or pen to get their water turned back on should take notice.

The City of Belle Glade should take cash money and put it back in the residents' hands. They've got somebody that's out of town and owes over \$350,000 on a water bill and they're STILL get water. What's wrong with the city commissioners and the mayor of Belle Glade? Get them to answer this Speak Out."

**Editor's note:** The customer this caller is referring to is the Glades Glen complex on State Road 80. They have not paid their water bill in over a year, according to a report given at a recent commission meeting. However, the residents have paid for the water service as it is part of their rent. Therefore, the city is reluctant to punish the residents for something that is not their fault. The city attorney is investigating how to handle this and this will be addressed at an upcoming city commission meeting. Belle Glade City Commission meetings are held the first and third Monday night of the month at 7 p.m. at city hall. The city commission invites and encourages residents to attend the meetings and express their views.

### Belle Glade Fire Dept. praised

"I'm calling about the Belle Glade Fire Department. A couple of weeks ago there was an incident where I was at a gas station and had locked my keys in my vehicle along with my one-

year-old little girl.

It took probably 30 minutes to get the car opened, but the Belle Glade Fire Department personnel never gave up.

They used all their resources possible and even went so far as to call a locksmith they have on staff (Frank Cody) to help. When he got there it was only a matter of minutes before I was able to get into my truck to my keys and my child.

I just wanted to call and express my gratitude and say how wonderful the people at the fire department are and how great it is to have the quick response time and have people in the community who are willing to go that extra mile for people who need it.

Thank you."

### Support of Sheriff Neumann

"I would like to commend the caller who called in last week about Sheriff Neumann and the terrific job he has done. I appreciate him or her for telling it like it is about all the deputies in Belle Glade who are supporting another candidate. That's not right.

They work for Palm Beach County and the man they are supposed to be supporting, they are working against him on company time.

They need to stop and look in the mirror at what they are doing wrong because there are still some ethics left in people, supposedly. You have to question sometime, those who think there are no ethics anymore."

**Editor's note:** We received several Speak Out calls responding to last week's Letter to the Editor from Heath Miller. It was very gratifying to have so many of you come to my defense. I was very tempted to run them, but won't, because I have said we will let this matter drop since it has been hashed out for several weeks. It is evident from your calls that you strongly support your right to speak out on many issues. The Sun will continue to support your First Amendment right, which does not require you to sign your name for you to be able to express your views without retribution.

## Ten ways to tell if a redneck has been working on a computer

1. The monitor is up on blocks.
2. Outgoing faxes have tobacco stains on them.
3. The six front keys have rotted out.
4. The extra RAM slots have Dodge truck parts stored in them.
5. The numeric keypad only goes up to six.
6. The password is "Bubba".
7. There's a gun rack mounted on the CPU.
8. There's a Skoal can in the CD-ROM drive.
9. The keyboard is camouflaged.
10. AND the number 1 way to tell is...

1. The mouse is referred to as a "critter".

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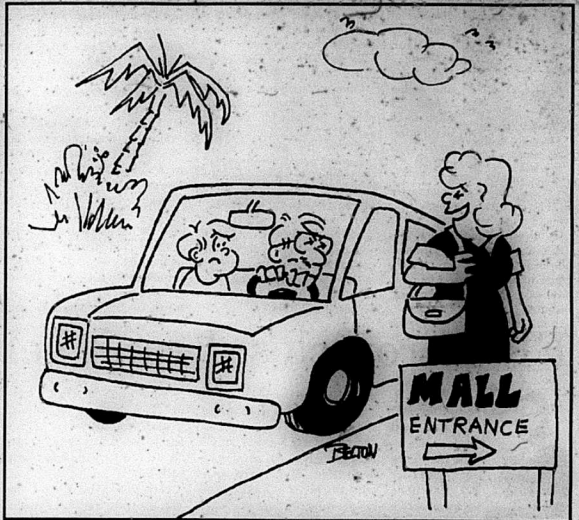
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## Letters to the Editor

### We have a great Police Department

Dear Editor:

We have an excellent police department here in Belle Glade and they deserve a lot of praise. They have never failed me when I've needed them and such was the case Saturday night, April 15, 2000.

Thank you to Dispatcher Owens Brown for soothing reassurance. Thank you Officer Carl Graves and Officer Jeff Bond for your speedy response, for your courtesy, professionalism, and sound advice on security and prevention in regards to property. Thank you Detective

Shatara Shatara for your dedicated follow-up.

Special thanks to Officer Bond for being brave and catching the "bad guy." Thanks also to my kindly neighbor, Mr. Cox for his eagle eye and steady nerves, and to the talented canine "Boby," who really earned a special doggy treat on a very rainy night!

Sincerely,  
Brenda Lee  
Belle Glade

## Jail time gives man insight into the compassion of black brothers

Dear Editor:

I'm a caucasian male and I was recently incarcerated in the Palm Beach County Jail in Belle Glade.

I am now 57 years old and this was my first experience at being locked up. As I was being booked in I noticed that there were 112 inmates and I would be the second of two caucasians.

If ever I had an opportunity to understand discrimination from the black community, this would have been the time, but it did not happen.

I want to express my appreciation and my new view of understanding that I experienced from the black brothers who were incarcerated with me. I was treated with nothing but respect for the six days I was locked up.

I am a Vietnam Veteran. Although I would not want to spend one more day in that situation, I would not take anything for the experience. And, so it was with my incarceration in the county jail.

I was asked time, and again by the black inmates if I had enough food to eat. I had a neck problem and different ones came to me and asked if they could give me their pillow to ease my pain.

I wanted to take this time to thank them for

showing me a love that I just couldn't believe to be possible by a nationality and a race that has certainly known discrimination from my ethnic background.

I am writing this in hopes that it may ease any tension that you may have in you, and any question you might have as to whether or not it's okay to reach out and to help a brother from another race.

I also want to thank Thomas Montgomery, Esq. who is an attorney in the City of Belle Glade for representing me in my legal matters. There have been several things he has represented me in and I just want to thank him. I am so glad I chose him to be my legal council and I recommend him to anyone who is looking for his particular type of legal service.

I also want to extend my best wishes and my hope for the men who are still locked up in the county jail. I want to express to them that my prayers and best wishes are with them and I hope they are all back home with their families soon.

Thank you.

Jon L. Graham  
(Town withheld upon request)

## Just 17 minutes to serve 235 people!

Dear Editor:

Saturday, April 8, 2000, about 235 people enjoyed a catered dinner in honor of Dr. Effie Grear. As you might imagine, serving that many people takes many hours of planning and coordination, and usually the food is served by people who have had years of experience and practice. However, in this case, those who served the meals enjoyed mere minutes of instruction and virtually no practice. They set the entire dining room with place settings for salad and dinner, water, iced tea, and appropriate condiments. The moment of truth came when they carried the entree plates to the guests by carrying three plates at a time. At one point during the initial moments of training, one of the trainees said, "That is impossible!" to carry three plates at a time. Actually, I knew it was possible, but what I didn't know was that a group of people could carry those plates for the first time in their life and respond as if they were seasoned professionals from a five star establishment. To the surprise of the caterer they delivered all the entrees in just 17 minutes. They were magnificent!

Setting a room with the appropriate items and carrying food to a table are basics of food service that are somewhat easily trainable tasks. However, there is more to food service than that. For instance, there is the unpredictable. For instance, there is asking for specific sauces that are not available. Often times, the delicate handling of the answer to such requests

are subtle responses presented in a manner to leave the guest feeling comfortable with the answer. We did not have any special sauces; however, the food servers pleasantly responded to those who requested anything out of the ordinary. Training someone to answer those questions is a difficult task. In this case, the servers came trained with manners and an understanding of how to treat people with respect and kindness. Their parents, guardians, and teachers have combined their efforts to help create fine outstanding individuals who will most assuredly grow into productive employees in any profession they choose. In fact, as we were leaving that evening, my wife and I agreed we wished we owned a restaurant in which we could hire each of the servers, because it would soon become the most well known in our town.

There is much more I could say in praise of each of these individuals, but the space is too limited for that. So, to each of the servers I would like to say, thank you very much for your time and excellent service. You were instrumental in making the banquet a very smooth and organized event.

The servers were: Taranza McKelvin, Watson Primstall, Victor Ponce, Brian-Mincey, Jocelyn Joseph, Mona St. Hillaire, Vintyre Finney, Stephen Messam, Samuel African.

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Steve McGowan



## Sun Spots

### Softball registration

Girls ages, 13-15 who are interested in playing softball in a Dixie League team this summer are invited to sign up at the Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce on Friday, April 28 from 6-8 p.m.

### GED test to be offered

The GED test will be given at Glades Central Community High School on May 1, 3 and 4 at 8:30 a.m. and May 2, 3, and 4 at 6 p.m.

Adults should register in the Community School office before 3 p.m. on April 28. The cost of the test is \$40.

For more information, call 993-4404.

### Retirement party

A retirement celebration will be held Saturday, May 20 at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center for Mrs. Juanita Malone, assistant principal at Belle Glade Elementary.

The event will start at 6 p.m. and the cost is \$30 per person and includes dinner and a gift. For more information, call Vickie McMullen at 993-4032.

### Books wanted

Give a gift that will last a lifetime - please donate new or used books for students at Kathryn E. Cunningham/Canal Point Elementary School. A book drive is on at the school and they want to help all their students to have books in their homes to read during the summer.

For more information, call the school at 924-6460.

### Talent showcase

Street Beat, Inc. will present Showcase 2000: "Raising the Standards" on Friday, April 28 at 7 p.m. at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center. The showcase will

feature performances in music, dance, and theater by the youth in the Street Beat elementary and teen program. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children.

Special group rates and tickets are available at Street Beat, 103 N.W. 10th Avenue, South Bay or by calling 993-9916.

### Mother's Day Fashion Show and Luncheon

There will be a "Mother's Day Out" Fashion Show and Luncheon, on Saturday, April 29 at 11:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Hall, 1200 E. Main Street, Pahokee. The event is sponsored by The Altar Society. Donation is \$10 and there will be door prizes.

For information call 924-2952 or 924-7545.

### AIDS Coalition

#### Banquet is April 29

The AIDS Coalition of the Glades is planning their 13th Annual Banquet on Saturday, April 29 at Lake Shore Civic Center at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$15 for children.

For further information, call President Sandra Daniels at 996-6193 or 992-1033 or Juanita D. Maybin at 924-9643.

### Applications are being accepted for PEPPi Head Start

PEPPi Head Start, 200 Southwest 9th Street, Belle Glade, is now accepting applications for three and four year olds for the 1999-2000 school year.

There is no cost and children with disabilities are welcomed. For more information call 996-1718.

### Alzheimer's/Dementia Caregiver Support

Families who are dealing with a loved one with Alzheimer's/Dementia can find support from the Alzheimer's/Dementia Caregiver Support Group. The meetings are held the second Tuesday of every month from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at the Pahokee Civic

Center.

For more information call Sandy Choate at 924-7283.

### Glades Democratic Club organized

The Glades Democratic Club was organized recently and regular meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m. at Mt. Zion AME Church, located at the corner of Avenue C and 10th Street, Belle Glade.

The object of the club is to stimulate active interest in political and governmental affairs; to strengthen and further the ideals and principles of the Democratic Party; to provide reasonable and ongoing financial support to the county Democratic Executive Committee; to promote participating among Democrats; to support and elect the duly selected nominees of the Democratic Party in national, state and local campaigns; and to foster good fellowship among Democrats.

Democrats registered to vote in Palm Beach County interested in the objectives of this organization are eligible for membership.

The next meeting will be held May 3 at 6 p.m. at Mt. Zion AME Church, Belle Glade.

### 5K Walk/Run T-shirts

Any walker or runner who did not receive their Black Gold Jubilee 5K Walk/Run T-shirt can get one by calling Linda Lee at 996-6722.

### Spring Gala

The African American Artist Showcase - Second Annual Spring Gala will be held Saturday, May 20 at 6 p.m. at Suncoast High School in the Auditorium. The school is located at 600 West 28th Street, Avenue H, Riviera Beach.

One of the honorees is Dr. Effie C. Grear, principal at Glades Central Community High School. Tickets are \$40 per person or \$45 at the door.

For reservations, call 561-841-0101, Extension 2.

## Creative stories about the weather



Mike Lyons

Frequent thunderstorms are rare in Columbus, Ohio. Unlike our area where we average about 80 thunderstorm days a year, Columbus experiences a lot less. About twenty thunderstorm days annually. I know because I grew up there and it is where I first became fascinated with the weather.

I must have been five or six years old the first time I asked my mother how the sound of thunder is made. Looking me square in the eye she said the angels were bowling in heaven. That made sense to a six year old. After all, my mom wouldn't lie to me, would she?

"What about lightning?", I asked. Again, my mother did not fail me. "Lightning," she told me earnestly, "is created when the angels get a strike. As the pins all hit each other a giant spark is created that we call lightning."

It was a pretty creative explanation. And, it's an example of what people have been doing for centuries: before sci-

ence was able to explain how Mother Nature worked, man tried to come up with his own interpretation.

For example, the sun has long been a subject of fascination and mystery. The Aztecs thought the sun was a god. They even gave him an almost unpronounceable name, Huitzilopochtli.

The Aztecs believed that when the sun set at night Huitzilopochtli was off fighting against the god of the night (who apparently had no name). Since this battle was waged every night good old Huitzilopochtli had to be kept strong. So, the Aztecs fed their sun god human hearts and blood.

The ancient Egyptians worshipped the sun, too, but they didn't believe in human sacrifices. They called the sun Ra and thought that their Pharaoh was the son of the sun god.

The Egyptians had a god for just about every weather phenomenon. Ra's mother, whose name was Nut (I'm not making this up), was the sky goddess. There was also a god of the air, the rain and the wind.

The ancient Greeks not only had a name for the wind they had a name for each wind direction. In 100 BC, they built the Tower of the Winds. Inscribed on the wall are the eight Greek names for the wind. Boreas (north), Notos (south), Zephyros (west), Apel-

otes (east), Kaikas (northeast), Euros (southeast), Lips (southwest) and Skiros (northwest).

While ancient man worshipped the sun and the wind, they feared the sound of thunder and the flash of lightning. These were no angels to these folks.

The Chinese believed thunderstorms were really giant dragons that were fighting high in the sky. Others thought that the clouds were full of evil spirits. These primitive people would shoot arrows into the clouds to frighten the spirits away.

Still others felt that thunder and lightning must come from a god. Thor, for instance, was the Norse god of thunder. This guy was a pretty ferocious character. He had wild red hair, a huge red beard and rode across the heavens in a chariot pulled by two giant goats. He would create thunder and lightning by blowing through his beard.

These days, of course, we know how the weather works, how thunder and lightning are created. We know that it's not evil spirits, dragons or even Thor racing his chariot across the sky. Still, for a six year old, the image of angels bowling in the sky is one I'll never forget.

(Mike Lyons is the chief weather forecaster for WPBF-TV)

## CRIME STOPPERS



Ossie Dee Polk

Crime Stoppers of Palm Beach County, Inc., is asking citizens to help locate Ossie Dee Polk who is wanted for failure to appear on charges of aggravated battery with a deadly weapon.

Polk is a black male, 5'11" tall, and weighs 225 pounds. He has black hair and brown eyes and he has tattoos on his right arm. His date of birth is January 2, 1975. His last known address was 315

Carrisa Drive, Pahokee. His Social Security number is unknown and his last occupation was as a laborer. His warrant was active as of April 18, 2000.

If you know the whereabouts of Ossie Dee Polk or anyone involved in a serious crime, call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-458-8477. You can remain anonymous and still receive a cash reward if your tip leads to an arrest.

## Arrest Blotters

**Editor's note:** The police news on this page lists arrests, not convictions, unless otherwise stated. Arrested persons who later are found not guilty or have had the charges against them dropped are welcome to let us know. We will confirm the information and print it.

### BELLE GLADE

The Belle Glade Police Department handled 511 complaints and gave 52 traffic citations the week of April 17-23.

Those arrested included:

**April 17 - Clyde Curry**, 49, warrant for domestic battery; **Elliot Hudson**, 61, trespassing other than a structure; **Frankie Rolle**, 20, warrant for burglary of a structure or conveyance and warrants for grand theft and criminal mischief of less than \$200.

**April 18 - Brienne Peacock**, 18, retail theft; **Anthony Bosquet**, 20, battery; **Edilberto Vaxquez**, 22, domestic battery; **Jason Walkes**, 19, petty theft.

**April 19 - Jeannie Gibson**, 33, warrants for disrupting a school function and assault; **April Quintanley**, 28, warrant for violation of an injunction.

**April 20 - Isaac Day**, 21, burglary of a residence; **Valorie Lane**, 33, burglary to a dwelling, grand theft and criminal mischief; **Iris Walker**, 33, burglary to a dwelling, grand theft and criminal mischief.

**April 21 - Jawanza Mays**, 19, gambling, and two counts of resisting an officer without violence; **Heriberto Martinez**, 19, possession of cocaine.

**April 22 - Juvenile**, 17, loitering and prowling and a warrant for possession of cocaine; **Juvenile**, 15, loitering and prowling; **Robert Lee Holmes**, 34, three counts of depriving an officer with means of protection, battery on a law enforcement officer and resisting an officer with violence; **Joseph McGhee**, 30, felony retail theft and possession of drug paraphernalia; **Mitchell Simpson**, 30, warrant for aggravated battery; **Cathy Day**, 41, opposing and obstructing an officer.

**April 23 - Fidno Toussaint**, 28, gambling with dice, resisting an officer without violence; **Adalberto Garcia**, 25, contempt of court on charges of fishing or hunting without a license.

### PAHOKEE

The Pahokee Police Department handled 213 calls, issued five traffic citations and made 11 arrests the week of April 17-23.

Those arrested included:

**April 17 - Norberto Torres**, 25, grand theft.

**April 18 - No arrests made.**

**April 19 - Juvenile**, 17, aggravated battery; **Nigel Clarke**, 47, simple battery.

**April 20 - Kevin Wilson**, 23, warrant for failure to appear in court; **Benjamin Patterson**, 24, obstructing and opposing an officer; **Roy Thompson**, 21, burglary and simple battery.

**April 21 - Doris Henderson**, 40, possession of marijuana under 20 grams; **Norman Cole**, 27, possession of drug paraphernalia; **Sandra Johnson**, 48, simple battery; **Joseph McCants**, 35, disorderly intoxication.

**April 22 - No arrests made.**

**April 23 - Juvenile**, 16, warrant for failure to appear in court.

### PALM BEACH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office made 6 arrests the week of April 19-25.

Those arrested included:

**April 19 - Willie James Bush**, 23, Belle Glade, battery in a county jail or detention facility.

**April 20 - No arrests made.**

**April 21 - Pepe Teran**, 23, Belle Glade, simple battery domestic, resisting without violence; **Jorge Ivan Ramos**, no age given, Belle Glade, armed burglary, attempted sexual battery.

**April 22 - No arrests made.**

**April 23 - Juvenile**, 17, Pahokee, grand theft auto; **Juan Castro**, 21, Belle Glade, battery on a law enforcement officer; **Willie Childers**, 46, Pahokee, simple battery domestic.

**April 24 - No arrests made.**

**April 25 - No arrests made.**

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Students at Gove Elementary and their teachers planted flowers and trees and had fun between bouts of hauling dirt during Earth Day activities at the school last Wednesday.

## Cat Talk

from Gove Elementary



### Earth Day Celebration

On Wednesday, April 19, students at Gove Elementary had the opportunity to celebrate Earth Day by participating in many fun activities. Some were involved in creating and restoring existing butterfly gardens, planting trees and flowers throughout campus, harvesting vegetables from existing raised bed gardens, weeding and picking up trash around the school. Third grade students stressed the importance of conserving our natural resources by displaying books and posters in the Media Center and by acting out a short skit about fruits and vegetables. Classes participating in the S.O. A. R. (Sharing Our Agricultural Roots) were treated to a very "wholesome" lunch. A special thanks to the following sponsors who made Earth Day a memorable event: South Florida Community Urban Resource Partnership, Glades Leadership Council, Winn Dixie, Census Bureau US 2000, Dixie Belle (Chapter 116) O.E.S.k, Glades Community Development Cooperation, Sugar Cane Growers Cooperative of Florida, U.S. Sugar Corporation, Helena, Western Palm Beach Farm Bureau, Everglades Farm Equipment, C & C Industrial Supply, Seminole Supply Company, Doc Hill, Glades Gas, McDonalds, UAP and MacArthur's Dairy.

### Benefit Dinner

The E.S.E. Department is sponsoring a benefit dinner on behalf of Margaret Lawton, a long time teacher's assistant at Gove Elementary. The dinner will be held on Wednesday, May 10, between 3-6 p.m. in the school cafeteria. The take-out will consist of chicken or rib, two side dishes, dessert and soda. Tickets are \$7 for the chicken dinner and \$8 for the rib dinner and need to be purchased in advance from any of the ESE teachers. Hope we can count on your support.

### Upcoming events

- 4/27/00-SAC at 6:30 p.m.
- 4/27-28-Pre-Registration and kindergarten round up (11 a.m.-6 p.m.)
- 4/28-Last day to return acceptance letter into the Magnet Program
- 5/01-03-English and Spanish classes
- 5/04-PTO at 6:30 p.m.



The South Bay City Commission presented Rosenwald Elementary Literacy Specialist Deborah Clarke, center, with a plaque recognizing her as Palm Beach County's Teacher of the Year. Pictured from right are Mayor Clarence Anthony, Commissioner, Miranda Smith, Commissioner Esther Berry, Mrs. Clarke, Vice Mayor Willie Marshall, and Commissioner Clarissa Davis. (Photo by Tracy Whirls)

## Moya competes in FBLA state competition

West Technical Education Center student Michelle Moya competed at the 2000 Future Business Leaders of America State Leadership Conference in Orlando, April 19. She qualified for the FBLA state competition in the Business Communication category at the district competition in February. She is a member of the FBLA organization at West Tech and holds the office of chapter Historian. FBLA is a

national organization that promotes business skills, ethics and employability as well as giving students much needed college preparation.

The Business Communications Competition was a three-day event that began on April 19. The top two qualifiers at the state level will go on to the National FBLA Leadership Conference to be held in Long Beach, Calif. in July.



Michelle Moya

## Foley to co-host free financial aid workshop

Area high school students and their families are invited to a free workshop on planning and paying for college Saturday, May 6 at 9:30 a.m. at Palm Beach Community College, Melton Lecture Hall, BB Classroom Building, 3160 PGA Blvd., Palm Beach Gardens.

This program will give students

and their families information to help them with one of the biggest hurdles facing college-bound students: paying for their college or university of their choice. Congressman Mark Foley is the honorary co-host of the event.

Students and their families will learn about applying for and qual-

ifying for financial aid, understanding financial aid awards, borrowing for college, the differences in federal student loan programs and more. Individuals interested in attending should call (toll-free) 877-840-8224 to RSVP. Seating is limited.



The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office District V Community Policing Unit recognized students from Glades area elementary schools for "Doing the Right Thing" at an awards ceremony at Rosenwald Monday. The last "Do the Right Thing" awards ceremony for this school year will be held at 9:30 a.m. Monday, May 22 at Canal Point Elementary in Canal Point.

## PBCSO presents 'Do the Right Thing' awards at Rosenwald Elementary

By Tracy Whirls

The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office District 5 Community Police Unit recognized students from area elementary schools for "doing the right thing" at an awards ceremony at Rosenwald Elementary in South Bay Monday.

The goal of the "Do the Right Thing" program is to reinforce socially desirable behavior among youth and in nominating the March honorees teachers praised students for finding nonviolent means to resolve conflicts, promoting school safety and fostering friendship and cooperation with other students.

In nominating Belle Glade Elementary's first place winner Shemese Edwards, her teacher noted that the member of the school's safety patrol refused to open a side door to the school building to allow maintenance workers to enter the building, instead asking an adult for assistance. Pioneer Park Elementary second place winner Victor Resendiz was praised for reporting to his teacher that another child had a cigarette lighter in his pocket. Pioneer Park first place winner Alfonso Gonzalez was recognized for refusing to strike back after another child struck him in the stomach, instead reporting the incident to his teacher. Rosenwald Elementary first place winner Anshaviaus Perez was recognized for befriending a new student.

March winners and nominees included:

•Canal Point Elementary School: First place, Juan Fonseca; Second place, Patricia Mata; Third place, Nylene Clark. Nominees: Kayla Delhart and Miguel Rodriguez.

•Belle Glade Elementary School: First place, Shemese Edwards; Second place, Dontae Artis; Third place Claude Orelis. Nominees: Rachell Sincere, Terri Horne, Mercedes Gavin and Laguna Holloway.

•Pioneer Park Elementary School: First place, Alfonso Gonzalez; Second place, Victor Resendiz; Third place, Jimmy Rivers. Nominees: Shemey Jackson, Iesha Johnson, Walstina

Brown, Kenya Woodson, Jean Delva and Thomasenia Stewart. Rosenwald Elementary School: First place, Anshaviaus Lewis; Second place, Tamesha Coney; Third place, Juan Lopez;

Nominees: Francisco Perez, Ashley Beyers, Ciera Butts, Tanya Redmon, Sherrell Butts, Kariell Dunning, Onaja Harris and Alicia Salinas.

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Florida Resident Fee: \$17.00
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Thurs 5:30 - 8:30 pm  
Florida Resident Fee: \$17.00
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# Sports this week



Glades Day defeated crosstown rivals Glades Central twice during regular season play.

## Glades Day Gators end season 11-10

The Glades Day Gators varsity boys baseball team ended their regular season play with an 11-10 record and entered district competition against second-ranked Kings Academy on Tuesday.

The Gators ended regular season play April 20 with a loss to LaBelle 16-5.

On April 17, senior third baseman Timmy Burns went 3 for 5 with three RBI as the Gators defeated the Lake Worth Defenders 16-9.

On April 11, a single by Burns brought in Chris Sisson from second base for a game-winning run to lead Glades Day to victory over Lake Placid in the tenth inning with a score of 3-2. Sophomore pitcher

George Marino served as relief pitcher for five innings allowing one hit and striking out four in the winning effort.

The Gators record tied 8-8 April 6 as Burns went 4 for 4 with two RBI and junior Kayle McNamara stuck out seven as the Gators scored six runs in the fifth inning to defeat St. Andrews 7-3. On Thursday, March 30, the Gators fell to John Carroll, 5-0. In a return engagement April 4, the Gators improved to 5 before losing to John Carroll 10-5.

The Glades Day Lady Gators varsity softball team ended their regular season play April 20 against LaBelle and faced Benjamin in district action Tuesday.

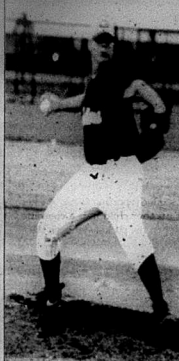


The Glades Day Gators varsity baseball team includes, front row, from left, Daniel Veale, Timmy Burns, Jeremy Fountain, Cody Wilcox, Chris Coker, Chris Sisson, Kyle McNamara; second row, Coach Mike Underwood, Coach Dick Schmidt, Justin Meeks, Daniel Herring, Micah Thomas, Brant Thomas, George Moreno, Derek Allison, Cory Wilcox, Jesse Montalton, Coach Burns and Ramsey Baughman.

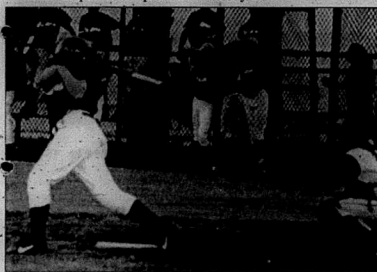
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Jeremy Fountain



George Moreno



Glades Day pitcher Timmy Burns at bat.

### Great Catch

Janita Bearden Johnson, living in the Glades since 1949 went bass fishing Thursday with Karen Inman (Denise Hatton's mother) and their guide, Pete Moore. She caught a 7 lb. bass. She said it was a great thrill and a wonderful time was had by all.

Have a photo of a prize-winning fish or other trophy? Send your sports photos to the Sun.



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Over 40 local students will perform in the original, musical adaptation of the classic children's story.

The local cast features James Cienne as Rumpelstiltskin, Maranda Buchanan as Clara, Jeffrey Nary as the King, Natalie Malone as the Jester, Shantal Knowles and Candace Miller as knights, and Ricaria Adams and David Woodham as wizards. Also featured are Alana Ford, Roger Horn, Jacquelin Jones, Carl Kendall, CrisNetta Knowles, Aleigh Miller, Jermaine Nary, Mercedes Powers, Marta Rivera, and Luke Woodham as Gnomes, Jose Alba, Kayla Collier, Paul Smith and Abeer Zayad as Villagers and Gabriela Alba, Joycelynne Exantus, Taylor Goggans, Veronica Goggans, Glen Hopson, Tommonoy Humphries, Mia Ki, Brianna Lohman, Rebecca Rodriguez, Matthew Schultz, Brianna Spence, Jarod Smith and Nur Z as Bees. Assistant directors are Tyrone Jenkins and Jeffrey Woodham.

Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$2 for children and are available at the box office at (561) 992-6160 or at the door on Saturday.

**Pipeline** From Page 1  
communities throughout the state of Florida, mostly along the east coast from Miami to Cape Canaveral.

Mr. Palecki said that unlike the proposed Gulfstream Pipeline which is to be constructed on the north side of Lake Okechobee, NIT will offer local service to small businesses and residential customers in the communities along the proposed pipeline's route.

"We'd also like to work with the city in economic development," Mr. Palecki said, noting that his company's marketing department is constantly in contact with industries interested in taking advantage of the environmental and economic benefits of using natural gas.

South Bay Mayor Clarence Anthony said the city has already been asked by businesses interested in locating in the city's commercial park if natural gas is available. "Just having it available would be an advantage," Mayor Anthony said.

Mr. Palecki said the safety records of the pipeline are overseen by the Public Service Commission and assured the commissioners that in terms of safety and service-related issues the company would have service technicians available in the area, perhaps through a contractual arrangement with Glades County, to deal with any necessary repairs or other problems.

Mr. Palecki said under the terms of the proposed franchise agreement, the city would be able to stipulate where local service lines are located in the city. The company entered a nonexclusive franchise agreement with LaBelle, and Mayor Anthony noted that such an agreement would allow other companies in the future to approach South Bay to provide the service.

Commissioner Esther Berry, who voted against proceeding with the franchise agreement, said she would like to hear from other natural gas companies interested in providing the service in the area.

Mr. Palecki said at this time, no company has completed the permitting process or committed to constructing a pipeline in the area.

Mr. Palecki said the company had asked for a 30-year franchise agreement because they like to think they have a long-term relationship with the cities they serve. He said the company has agreed to a 15-year agreement with LaBelle, but they they will not sign a franchise agreement for less than 15 years because of the high cost of putting in the pipeline. Mr. Palecki said the city can assess a 3-10 percent franchise fee on the pipeline, but he said the fee should be the same as the city assesses other utility providers.



The new "Welcome to Pahokee Campground and Marina" sign was erected over the entrance this weekend. Using cross poles donated by FDOT, upright poles donated by P.D. Kirchman Oil and the labor of numerous volunteers, the sign was paid for by donations from Osceola Farm, Oasis Tree Farms, Hundley Farms, Mills Spraying, Boynton Farms, Bryant Hardware, Ken Schenck, H&R, R.C. Hattson, Phillips & Jordan, Craig A Smith Associates, Foodland, Seminole Supply, Wayne Whitaker, Barney Walker, Rick Heffernan, Nelson Lopez, Emilio Perez and James Pilcher.



Larry Wright and Glen Carrick designed this flower bed on the dike which spells out Pahokee. It replaced the old Pahokee sign. Commissioner Henry Crawford brought the project before the Pahokee Commission, and Pahokee Assistant Recreation Director Herbert Crawford coordinated the work of students enrolled in the afterschool program to plant the flowers.

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The accreditation outcome is awarded to organizations that, on balance, demonstrate that participants are benefiting from the services and that apparently their health, welfare and safety are being protected.

Further, the organization shows evidence of capability, commitment and progress toward correcting any deficiencies in meeting the commission's standards.

The latest action makes the fourth consecutive year that accreditation by CARF, an international accreditation body, has been

achieved by Western Palm Beach County Mental Health Clinic, Inc.

"Western Palm Beach County Mental Health Clinic, Inc. has put itself through a rigid peer review process and demonstrated its commitment to conform to CARF Accreditation Conditions and applicable standards," said Donald E. Galvin, Ph.D., president and CEO of CARF.

"The organization is to be commended in its quest for quality programs and services," he added.

Western Palm Beach County Mental Health Clinic, Inc. is a non-profit organization with offices at 102 NW Avenue D, Belle Glade. It has been providing mental health and substance abuse services to the Glades area of Palm Beach County since 1980.

For additional information contact Joseph Amato, Executive Director, Western Palm Beach County Mental Health Clinic, Inc. at (561) 992-1330.

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## Dr. Grear's 25 years at Glades Central celebrated



Glades Central principal Dr. Effie Grear, center, is surrounded by the retirement dinner committee who arranged the event to celebrate her 25 years at Glades Central. The committee included: coordinators Sarah Bennett, Sonja Lutz and Cartheda Mann, videographer Laura Hoard, Gail Ramsdell, photographer, Robert Bennett, Invitations and Mert Clayton, Joy Milner, Mark and Karen Schultz and Glen Hoard contributed to graphics and display.

A retirement dinner in honor of Dr. Effie C. Grear, principal of Glades Central High School, was held on the evening of April 8 in the Glades Central gymnasium.

Dr. Grear began her 51 years in education in 1948 as Band and Chorus Director at Excelsior High School in Excelsior, WVA. From 1949-51, she directed the band and chorus at the Lucy Mioten Demonstration School at Florida A&M University in Tallahassee. Moving further south to Arcadia in 1952, she directed the band and chorus at Smith Brown School until 1956 when she moved to Belle Glade. From 1956-1963, she directed the band and chorus at Lake Shore Jr.-Sr. High School. Then, in 1963, she became Dean of Girls at Lake Shore and remained in that position until 1966 when she was appointed Assistant Principal at Lake Shore. After four years as assistant principal of Lake Shore, she became an assistant principal at the newly formed Glades Central High School. She remained assistant principal until 1975, when she was appointed principal of Glades Central and she has remained in that position for 25 years. She has obtained a bachelor of music degree, a master of arts degree in music and a doctor of education degree in administration and supervision.

The gymnasium, beautifully decorated by Cartheda Mann and Ellet McLaughlin featured an arch of gold balloons which flanked the head table. On every table were flowers placed in top hats to reflect the theme "Hats Off to Dr. Effie C. Grear."

A table, which featured pictures of Dr. Grear that traced her career in education, was arranged by Myrtle Clayton, Glades Central media specialist.

The program to commemorate her long and illustrious career in education was begun with a solo by Willie Lawrence, one of Dr. Grear's former students. His musical number was followed by Evelyn Johnson, Josette Bryant, Helen



South Bay Mayor Clarence Anthony, center, presented Dr. Grear with a proclamation recognizing her contributions to students and the Glades community and. South Bay City Manager Michael Jackson presented Dr. Grear with a painting symbolizing the beauty of South Bay.

Rutledge, Mary Bell and Sharon Shepherd. 'This group, the Southwest Sugar Subdivision Carders, are frequent visitors to the Grear home at Christmas. With that in mind, they sang several humorous carols with the words changed to reflect Dr. Grear's career and community life. Next, Sarah Bennett and Sonja Lutz performed the occasion, an acrostic poem which reflected Dr. Grear's career as principal of Glades Central High School. Moira Konchellah, a senior at Glades Central, then performed a musical number "Home," which to Dr. Grear will always be Glades Central.

After a prayer delivered by Cynthia Brown, a former mathematics teacher at Glades Central and evangelist of the Church of God of Christ, a delicious rib dinner was served to 235 guests by members of the National Honor Society, the Advanced Placement English Class and the Thespian Society. Steve McGowan, English teacher, was in charge of the service.

Following dinner, Willie Pyffrum, Band Director and Zarak Lawson, Choral Director at Glades Central, presented a memorable rendition of "Sophisticated Lady."

Presentations were then made by various organizations. Belle Glade Mayor Harma Miller pre-

sented a proclamation to Dr. Grear for her outstanding dedication and service to the school and community from the Belle Glade City Commission. Mayor Miller was followed by Mayor Clarence Anthony from the City of South Bay who also presented Dr. Grear with a proclamation. South Bay City Manager Michael Jackson presented Dr. Grear, with a painting symbolizing the beauty of South Bay. Hendry County Commissioner Janet Taylor presented Dr. Grear with a proclamation and plaque commemorating her work in Hendry County. Diana Cunningham then presented a plaque as a token of appreciation from the Criminal Justice Commission.

Every guest had submitted memories from throughout the years to be included in a memory book which was then presented to Dr. Grear by Sarah Bennett and Sonja Lutz. Following this presentation, Ed Jordan of Los Angeles, a former student from Dr. Grear's 1960 Lake Shore year, who has sung in movies as well as the Episcopal Choir, dedicated a solo to her.

A highlight of the evening occurred when Dr. Grear's family made a presentation. Her immediate family includes her husband William A. Grear, Sr. who was the



The law offices of Lytal, Ryder, Clark, Williams and Fountain dedicated to Dr. Grear a scoreboard which they will place on Glades Central's football field.



Dr. Grear's family, including her husband William A. Grear, Sr., her daughter, Rhonda Kaye Grear, son William A. Grear and his wife Donna, and Dr. Grear's sister, Shirley Speaks and nieces Effie Myrick and Stephanie Fisher were all on hand to take part in the festivities honoring the veteran Glades area educator.

first African American to be elected to Belle Glade city government, her daughter, Rhonda Kaye Grear, a registered nurse in Atlanta and her son William A. Grear who is employed by Bell South and his wife Donna. Also making the family presentation were Dr. Grear's sister, Shirley Speaks and nieces Effie Myrick and Stephanie Fisher. "Bill" Grear presented his wife with engraved glass, one piece commemorating her years in education, and one piece celebrated the years as his wife. Then Shirley Speaks presented the couple best wishes and air tickets to visit family and friends as a beginning to retirement.

Dr. Grear's closing remarks reflected her love for education, friends and community. Still upholding the strengths of her school, she pointed out the success of many Glades Central graduates.

Out of town guests included Mrs. Edith Bridges of Winter Haven, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Lewis, Miami, Dr. Edd Jordan, veterinarian, Los Angeles, Mrs. Melissa Blackburn-Misquitta, Concord, Calif., Mr. Donald Mann, Omaha, Neb., Mr. and Mrs. Daryl Flintroy, Tampa, Mr. Earl White, Kingston, Jamaica, Dr. Norman Shearin, superintendent of schools in



Belle Glade Mayor Harma Miller, right, presented a proclamation to Dr. Grear for her outstanding dedication and service to the school and community from the Belle Glade City Commission.

Raleigh, N.C., Dr. Clantha McCurdy and Wynton McCurdy, Mass., Mr. and Mrs. Peter McCurdy of Boynton Beach, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Butler of Delray Beach, Palm Beach County School District Superintendent and Mrs. H. Benjamin Marlin, James Wilson of Orlando, Willie Benjamin of Orlando, Mr. and Mrs. William Fisher of Jacksonville, Carolyn Ann McCurdy Gilbert and daughter from Jacksonville, Mr. and Mrs. Oris Walker, Boynton Beach, Mrs. Gloria Walton of Bloomfield, Mich., Mary Alma Stevenson of St. Petersburg, Mr.

and Mrs. Ozel Martin, Jr. of Tallahassee, Dr. Calvina Clay of Miami, Mr. and Mrs. Burdell of Palm Beach Gardens and Mrs. Annetta, Duke of Matlacha.

The retirement dinner committee was coordinated by Sarah Bennett, Sonja Lutz and Cartheda Mann. Laura Hoard was videographer, Gail Ramsdell, photographer, Robert Bennett, invitations and Mert Clayton, Joy Milner, Mark and Karen Schultz and Glen Hoard contributed to graphics and display.



Belle Glade Elks Lodge #1716 held its annual installation of 2000-2001 officers recently. Pictured are, front row, left to right, Billy Guerry, Tommy Doney III, Bobby Woodard, Bud Wilson, Ray Towell, and Tommy Coney; back row, Jim Herrington, Carl Seibert, Paul Hart, Jr., Charles Wilkinson, Steve Johnson, Kathy Johnson and Joe Orsengo. Following installation, awards were given to Officer of the Year Paul Hart, Jr., Member of the Year Carol Cochran and Cook Crew of the Year, Bill Blackwell, Eddie Campbell and crew. A dinner and dance with Jerry Curtis as D.J. was enjoyed by all.



Belle Glade Elks Lodge #1716 participated in the Black Gold Festival this year with a free "Drug Awareness Education Hoop Shoot." Shane Doney, Ryan Woodard, Nelson Willis and Bobby Woodard helped the children to compete. The children competed against themselves and one another. To win they had to get the most shots out of six. Each child could try as many times as they wanted. At the end of the day five boys in the junior group and five in the senior group each had five of six shots. Instead of a shoot out, all 10 boys received an official red, white and blue "Drug Awareness Hoop Shoot" basketball.



Alasha McElroy, Glades District Director for the Boy Scouts Gulfstream Council, talked to Belle Glade Rotarians on April 11 about scouting programs.



LEADERSHIP GLADES, CLASS OF 2000 is shown above. Not in order are: Jeff Barwick, Kay Brand, Mali Chamness, Corey Foster, Glenda Garrett (Class of 1999), Janise Goforth, Shirley Jarriel, Jane Lewis, Votis McDaniel, John Mennhennett, Sandra Mercer, Carla Neumann, Mandy Perez, Angie Pope, Richard Raid, Chuck Royal, Brandi Schopenfeld, Shelton Smith, Tricia Sweet, Virginia Walker, Kay Zaccagnino, Michael Wheeler and Not shown, Mary Blakeney.

## American Cancer society Web Site grows to reach more Floridians

For the 88,100 Floridians diagnosed with cancer this year, the Internet will be a key resource for local cancer programs, events and patient services.

Floridians can now get accurate, local cancer information, 24 hours a day, seven days a week on the American Cancer society's Florida Web site. Floridians can gain courage from cancer survivors, find opportunities to participate in local fundraisers, learn ways to reduce the risk of cancer and even inquire about jobs by visiting [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org) and clicking on Florida.

"Between our national and Florida Web sites, we have put cancer information at your fingertips," said Gina Jones, chairman of the American Cancer Society Florida Division Media Subcommittee and freelance Television Producer. "Personalizing information is a vital tool when serving the public. We think that cancer is a very personal disease and that everyone affected by it deserves the opportunity to learn as much as possible."

In recognition of April as Cancer Control Month, the American Cancer Society in Florida is making every effort to let every Floridian know about this Web site.

"We are continuously adding new information we believe, crucial to the good health and well being of all Floridians," said Jones.

The Web site has been designed around the principles of the "Hope, Progress, Answers" logo. "Hope" means instant access to survivor stories about overcoming cancer, a place to find an American Cancer Society Winn-Dixie Hope Lodge in Florida, relief through a college scholarship for an already financially burdened family or information about R.O.C.K. Camp (the American Cancer Society's free, summer camp for children with a history of cancer). "Progress" may mean the latest news on the Florida Division Research Program and how it is funded or volunteer opportunities. The Web site also provides "Answers" on ways for Floridians to reduce their risk of cancer, utilize local patient services and learn about legislative issues addressed by the American Cancer Society to make Florida a cleaner and safer place to live. Cancer respects no age, race, gender or nationality. "Until the fight against can-

cer is won, the American Cancer Society will continue to offer hands-on, patient-to-patient programs and services that reach deep into every Florida community," said Jones. "We want all Flori-

dians to know that the American Cancer Society is here all the time to help with hope for the future, continuing progress in the fight against cancer and answers to help each individual in his or her

fight against cancer."

The American Cancer Society is the nationwide, community-based voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing

cancer, saving lives from cancer and diminishing suffering from cancer through research, education, advocacy and service.

For more information on cancer, its prevention and

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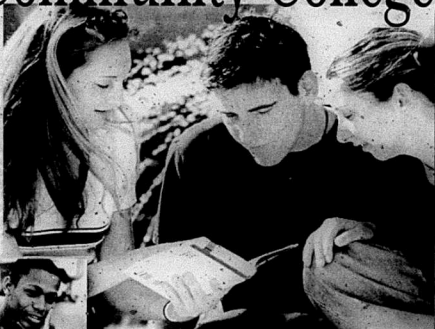
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